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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.121

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002, Applicant submits the following
Amendment and Reply.

A two month extension of time is hereby petitioned. A check in the amount of \$410.00 is
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